

From: Dell Grove
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4 42 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

May 7, 2003

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

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These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cordell A. Grove
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Walnutport, PA 18088

From: Parisite@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:46 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,

Dennis Paris
Youngsville, La 70592

From: Lloyd W Brown, Jr.
To: Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:47 PM
Subject: Relaxing broadcast ownership rules

Dear Commissioners

I request that you not change the "broadcast ownership rules" in the proposed format

I am concerned that geographic areas could be adversely impacted by large media companies that may not be willing to present viewpoints that differ from the management of these media companies on any given subject.

Historically, large media companies, such as Viacom/CBS and Disney/CBS have not been willing to air opposing viewpoints on selected subject matter.

Large media corporations should be forced to present opposing viewpoints on any subject matter so that an informed public can form educated opinions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lloyd W Brown, Jr.
Colonel USAF (Retired)
8930 Arley Drive
Springfield, VA 22153

From: Clarence Smith
To: KM KJMWEB
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:48 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Martin,

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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Sincerely,
Clarence Smith
Olney, Illinois 62450

CC: Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps

From: James McKean
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:49 PM
Subject: Fw: Broadcast Ownership Rules

----- Original Message -----

From: James McKean
To: mpowell@fcc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2003 3:40 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Powell

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Sincerely,
James A. McKean
Pekin, IL 61554-5619

From: LLMBBTT@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4 52 PM
Subject: Please don't relax broadcast ownership rules

As a 62 year old, retired public school teacher, I have seen many changes in our country since I was a small boy. My overwhelming fear is that America may be losing those who will act as true patriots by protecting the American people from the ruthless power of conglomerate America.

Please don't let the current radio and TV lobby force you to change the rules that are now in place. Please be a statesman-patriot and stand firm in your resolve.

God bless you for the service you provide to all Americans by ensuring that we will always be able to hear a variety of points of view.

Sincerely,
Larry Mabbitt
651 N. Hall St.
Mesa, AZ 85203
480-844-1731

From: paul f champlin
To: Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:54 PM
Subject: fcc ownership rules

Sirs:

The media conglomerates have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. the proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of newspapers.

Please do not relax broadcast ownership rules.

Thank you!

Paul F. Champlin

From: Joe Coffield
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:57 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

We understand that the Federal Communications Commission is considering relaxing the rules governing broadcast ownership in a manner that may facilitate monopolistic control of radio and television news and communication across our nation. We have seen instances where the outlets of some conglomerates are severely biased in portraying political issues to their viewers and listeners. It is our understanding that these are the same entities now actively lobbying for relaxation of the FCC rules that have protected our airways against overt censorship of political views opposing those promoted by such organizations.

We urge you to NOT relax broadcast ownership rules that protect our citizens from media monopolies and their ensuing propaganda. We must continue to have a healthy political debate in The United States.

Yours very truly,

JOE M & JOY N. COFFIELD
339 Meadowbrook Ln
Shreveport, LA 71105

(318) 861-4478

From: Edward Carlson
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5 07 PM
Subject: Proposed broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that keep American citizens free of media monopolies.

If the proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, then all papers, tv and radio stations could all be controlled by one company. This will lead to the absolute absence of any balance. Fairness will become a thing of the past.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Imagine Presidential election campaign commercials only telling one side of the story.

Many of these corporations that are fighting for these rule changes, including Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC, are precisely the same companies that have tried to keep your own viewpoints off the air.

The big media conglomerates have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers.

Please consider carefully the ramifications of the decision you are about to make.

Thank you for your time.
Olaf

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From: Richard Krikorian
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5 12 PM
Subject: Media Monopolies

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Sincerely,

Richard D. Krikorian
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Manchester, NH 03103-2347

From: Kinney Beisel
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:18 PM
Subject: proposed broadcast ownership rules change

Dear Honorable Chairman and Commissioners:

I implore you not to adopt the proposed rules changes that are currently being considered. If these changes are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States would be snuffed out by huge media corporations. Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor. The big media conglomerates have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers.

Many of the corporations that are fighting for these rule changes -- including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC -- are precisely the same companies that have tried in the past to keep your viewpoints off the air. Competition in the news and information marketplace is good and healthy for America.

Thank you for hearing me on this subject of great importance.

Kinney Beisel
Bastian, VA 24314-9712

From: Hi-Country Motorsports
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5 19 PM
Subject: Media Monopolies

Dear Mr Copps

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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Sincerely,

Mr Michael J. Grafmyer
Norwood, Colorado 81423-0611

From: Trussdms@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:22 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership Rules

Please do not limit our privelages as americans by relaxing the broadcast ownership rules. I feel our society has already become to media dependant, believing the views portrayed to always be correct, Its just gotten easier to believe then doubt To have this commodity monopolised could truly destroy the original basis of freedom that this country has been built on. We deserve the right to hear all sides, whether we agree or disagree, thats the right bestowed on us for being born in this great nation. Thank you for your time.

Kevin W Werre

From: WIBILLKOCH@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:26 PM
Subject: Please don't allow the relaxing of current broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein, I hope you will not allow the relaxing of the current broadcast ownership rules. These rules were instituted to protect us from media monopolies

I heard a report that changes have been proposed that would weaken the protections and allow large conglomerates to gain control and manipulate the media and television in this nation. I am staunchly opposed to such relaxing of the current law.

The American people appreciate diversity in the radio and TV media, and we need you to protect our freedom of choice by not allowing certain conglomerates to dominate these important media venues.

Respectfully, Bill Koch
Gurnee, Illinois 60031

From: c32a1tk@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, kabernet@fcc.gov, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5 27 PM
Subject: Proposed media rules

It has come to my attention that you are contemplating relaxing the broadcast ownership rules that currently prevent media monopolies. I believe that doing so would allow a huge media corporation, such as CBS or ABC, to dominate whole regions of the country thus allowing them to broadcast their point of view, while allowing what would be censorship of opposing opinions. This should never be allowed to happen. Media giants have in the past done this, and they will be in an even more powerful position should these rule changes be allowed.

Ralph G. Schwartz
135 Stone Ridge
Bowling Green, Ky. 42101

From: Terry Kimmel
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:27 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

Dear Sirs,

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Thank You for your time,

Terry L. Kimmel

From: David Priest
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:29 PM
Subject: Please do NOT allow media monopolies!

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein

I ask you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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Sincerely,

David C. Priest
Colorado Springs, CO

From: jim.kerr
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5 30 PM
Subject: Pending Media Monopoly

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From: John S.
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:36 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Sincerely,

John M. Schletzbaum

Hutchinson, KS 67502

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From: LouH2020@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:39 PM
Subject: Media Monopolies

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

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Sincerely,

Louis D. Haines
Benson, Arizona 85602

From: tomandnan@commspeed.net
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:40 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Sincerely,
T H. McGrath
Prescott, AZ 86301-6718

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: calkfam@plains.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:42 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership

WE urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would give large corporations the ability to control the information that we can hear.

We need to hear more than one view point on important issues. For the sake of our democracy and our freedom leave the rules in place

Leonard & Mary Calkum
35550 ct rd 183 Limon Co 80828

CC: Commissioner Adelstein

From: JIMTHEHACK@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:54 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jimi Hanides
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01832-3020

From: Charles Dumas
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:04 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules hearing

Dear Commissioner:

Please do not allow the broadcast ownership rules, currently under consideration, to be relaxed. I believe these rules, as they exist now, give vital protection to Americans from media monopolies. Not continuing these rules as they exist would allow large media companies to further strengthen their control over radio and television news and information. It can be demonstrated that they already wield what editing power they have to further their agenda and to keep opposing views off the air. To keep our democracy strong I strongly request that you not allow these rules to be relaxed

Sincerely,

Charles L. Dumas
1780 Rolling Hills Drive
Prescott, AZ 86303

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From: COMANCHEJHF@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:14 PM
Subject: OWNERSHIP RULES

I URGE YOU TO NOT RELAX THE RULES THAT PROTECT US FROM MEDIA MONOPOLIES. JAMES
H. FIELDS RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

From: Eric
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:17 PM
Subject: FCC Regulations

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Sincerely,

E.S. Hickey
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

From: Hostile
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:24 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Sears

Mattoon, IL 61938

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From: Rick Carlton
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:29 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Sincerely,

Richard L. Carlton

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Golden, CO 80401

303-271-9942

ricarlton@attbi.com

From: Larry K. Rieker
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:31 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

Dear Commission Members,

If the rules that prohibit monopoly ownership of media sources are changed, I foresee more far reaching problems.

As an independent sewing machine retailer, any major manufacturer of sewing machines could possibly get their CEO or other high ranking official elected to the Board of Directors of some broadcasting monopoly. They in turn could refuse advertising from any competitor and essentially put them out of business

Please consider all facets of this far reaching change and do not change the standing rules.

Larry I Rieker
Owner
Meads Sewing and Vacuum Center